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SUBJECT: SOV-US MARRIAGE - WOODFORD MCCLELLAN

TO DAVID NALLE AND OR LYN NOAH

WOODFORD MCCLELLAN FROM IREX: MATUSZEWSKI.

PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO

WOODFORD MCCLELLAN:

1. REGRET LEARNING OF YOUR DIFFICULTIES THROUGH THE NEW YORK TIMES AND FROM YOUR OPEN TELEGRAM SINCE WE WOULD HAVE ADVISED YOU THAT DURING LAST FIVE YEARS EVERY AMERICAN IREX PARTICIPANT WHO MARRIED SOVIET CITIZEN SUCCEEDED WITHOUT EXCEPTION IN ARRANGING FOR EMIGRATION OF SPOUSE WITHIN MAXIMUM OF ONE YEAR AND TYPICALLY SOONER PROVIDED THEY AVOIDED IRRITATING SOVIET AUTHORITIES BY PUBLICITY AND CONFRONTATION.

2. AS A MATTER OF POLICY IREX DOES NOT INTERFERE IN PRIVATE FAMILY MATTERS AND THEREFORE CANNOT INTERVENE
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UNDER TERMS OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADAMY OR OTHER

SOVIET AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER OUR INFORMAL PERSONAL
RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONSULT WITH CONSULAR PERSONNEL US
EMBASSY CONCERNING FURTHER PRACTICAL STEPS AND TO CONTINUE
YOUR EFFORTS THROUGH VARIOUS CHANNELS HERE AFTER
RETURNING TO USA. NO ONE CAN GUARANTEE THE RESULTS, BUT
IT IS OUR OPINION THAT ADDITIONAL CONFRONTATION AND
PUBLICITY WILL ONLY LEAD TO LONGER DELAY. INGERSOLL

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